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## Finance Committee Minutes 04/18/05

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE  
 MINUTES OF MEETING  
 7:30 PM O'NEILL ROOM COMMUNITY SAFETY BUILDING  
 4/18/05

### ATTENDEES:

|             |             |          |          |          |
|-------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|
| McGaffigan* | Fey*        | Dunn     | O'Neill* | Mahoney* |
| DeCoursey*  | Connors     | Simmons* |          |          |
| Tosti*      | Foskett*    | Deyst    | Ronan*   |          |
| Piandes     | Franclemont | Jones*   | Olsen*   |          |
| DuBois*     | Howard*     | Fanning* |          | Kneeland |

\* Indicates present

VISITORS: Paul Bayer

MINUTES of 4/6 approved as corrected. Unanimous.

NO OVERRIDE BUDGETS: Tosti provided responses from Manager, Clerk, Treasurer, and School Committee to the FinCom request for cuts required to balance the budget if the override fails. No response received from Assessors or from BOS. Alan Jones provided revised O'Neill Formula estimates along w/ a summary of the cuts listed against each budget. Tosti plans to list 2 budgets for FY06, one w/ & one w/o the override. The detail for the w/o budget will be as complete as the information from the appointing authorities permits. The FinCom discussed each budget in turn.

MANAGER: The FinCom has no way of knowing how realistic the enhanced revenues are which the Manager listed to cover 25% of his cuts. The FinCom believes the Community Safety cuts are meaningless unless the minimum manning rule is changed. VOTED to reduce the Community Safety cut to only the Fire Capt. Unanimous. The Chair to discuss these objections w/ the Manager & invite him to meet w/ the FinCom on Sat AM.

CLERK: The letter from the Clerk is somewhat unclear. It seems that she cannot cut the allotted amount and still carry out her legally required responsibilities. The FinCom believes this is true. VOTED to reduce the Clerk & Registrar budgets by \$12007 as recommended. Unanimous.

ASSESSORS: In the absence of any input VOTED to reduce the bottom line by \$12741. Unanimous.

BOS & COMPTROLLER: In the absence of any specific input, VOTED to reduce these budget by \$44500 to be split between departments proportionately. Unanimous.

FINCOM: VOTED to reduce salary by \$100 (two volunteers) and to reduce expenses by \$300.

EDUCATION: VOTED to reduce this budget by \$2628237 as recommended by the Superintendent. Unanimous.

RESERVE FUND BALANCE: \$257,500

COMMITTEE: Next mtg Sat 4/16 9:00 Jefferson Cutter House.

Peter B Howard Secretary 4/19/05

cc Selectmen, FinCom Members, Town Manager, Library File, Town Web Site FinCom Web Site

### Budget & Article Summary

| Bud # | Date presented | Date voted | \$ | Vote | ART# | Date presented | Date voted | \$ | Vote |
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| 1     | 2/14          | 2/14      | 10443    | Unanimous | 31 | 3/30      | 3/30    | No action       | Unanimous |
| 2     | 3/16          | 3/16      | 289578   | 10-0-2    | 32 | 4/4       | 4/4     | No action       | Unanimous |
| 3     | 2/14          | 2/14      | 362708   | Unanimous | 36 | 2/14      | 2/23    | No report       |           |
| 4     | 3/16          | 3/16      | 159983   | Unanimous | 38 | 3/21      | 4/6     | No action       | Unanimous |
| 5     | 3/9           | 3/9       | 837401   | Unanimous | 39 | 3/21      | 4/6     | No action       | 14-1      |
| 6     | 3/16          | 3/16      | 589640   | Unanimous | 40 | 3/23      | 4/6     | No action       | Unanimous |
| 7     | 3/16          | 3/16      | 143595   | Unanimous | 41 | 3/23      | 4/6     | No action       | 10-4      |
| 8     | 3/14          | 3/14      | 288444   | Unanimous | 43 | 3/23      | 3/23    | 2573834         | Unanimous |
| 9     | 2/9           | 2/9       | 771095   | Unanimous | 44 | 3/2       | 3/2     | 12067           | Unanimous |
| 10    | 2/14          | 2/14,2/23 | 212448   | Unanimous | 45 | 4/6       | 4/6     | 12240           | Unanimous |
| 11    | 2/14          | 2/14      | 58287    | Unanimous | 46 | 3/2       | 3/2     | 113000          | Unanimous |
| 12    | 3/16          | 3/16      | 87097    | Unanimous | 47 | 4/4       | 4/4     | 7675425         | Unanimous |
| 13    | 2/13,3/2,3/16 | 3/16      | 186947   | Unanimous | 48 | 4/4       | 4/4     | No action       | Unanimous |
| 13b   | 3/28          | 3/28      | 20224    | Unanimous | 49 | 3/2       | 3/2     | 750000          | Unanimous |
| 14    | 2/23          | 2/23      | 407851   | 12-0-1    | 50 | 3/2       | 3/2     | 100000          | Unanimous |
| 15    | 2/14          | 2/14      | 22922    | Unanimous | 51 | 3/30      | 3/30    | Favorable act   | Unanimous |
| 16    | 3/14          | 3/14,3/21 | 6301807  | Unanimous | 52 | 3/2,4/6   | 4/6     | Favorable act   | Unanimous |
| 17a   | 3/16          | 3/16      | 337747   | Unanimous | 53 | 3/9       | 3/9     | 100             | Unanimous |
| 17b   | 3/16          | 3/16      | 5098334  | Unanimous | 54 | 3/2,3/9   | 3/9,4/6 | Transfer 67000  | Unanimous |
| 17c   | 3/28          | 4/6       | 4891763  | 13-1      | 55 | 2/14      | 2/23    | Rollover 17000  | Unanimous |
| 17d   | 4/6           | 4/6       | 671020   | Unanimous | 56 | 3/30      | 3/30    | No action       | Unanimous |
| 17e   | 3/16          | 3/16      | 250000   | Unanimous | 57 | 2/14      | 2/23    | 20000           | Unanimous |
| 18a   | 3/16          | 3/16      | 329713   | Unanimous | 58 | 2/14,2/23 | 4/6     | No action       | 16-1      |
| 19    | 3/21          | 3/21      | 34280902 | 16-0-1    | 61 | 3/30      | 3/30    | 211572          | Unanimous |
| 20    | 3/7           | 3/7       | 1713262  | Unanimous | 62 | 3/30      | 3/30    | 400000          | Unanimous |
| 21a   | 3/7           | 3/7       | 126013   | Unanimous | 63 | 3/30      | 4/6     | Transfer 181000 | Unanimous |
| 21b   | 3/7           | 3/7       | 163288   | Unanimous | 64 | 3/30      | 3/30    | 400000          | Unanimous |
| 21c   | 3/7           | 3/7       | 220859   | 12-0-1    | 65 | 4/6       |         | No action       |           |
| 21d   | 3/9,314,3/16  | 3/16      | 130495   | Unanimous | 66 | 3/30      | 3/30    | 1614155         | Unanimous |
| 22/23 | 2/9           | 2/9       | 6345069  | Unanimous |    |           |         |                 |           |
| 24    | 3/14          | 3/14      | 12259672 | Unanimous | 68 | 3/23,3/30 | 3/30    | 1500000         | Unanimous |
| 25    | 2/23          | 2/23      | 300000   | Unanimous |    |           |         |                 |           |
| WS    | 4/6           | 4/6       | (94626)  | Unanimous |    |           |         |                 |           |
| Rec   | 4/6           | 4/6       | (5171)   | Unanimous |    |           |         |                 |           |
| Rink  | 4/6           | 4/6       | (11473)  | Unanimous |    |           |         |                 |           |
| COA   | 3/21          |           |          |           |    |           |         |                 |           |
| YS    | 3/21          | 3/21      | 198241   | Unanimous |    |           |         |                 |           |
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